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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2611

INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 0389

CASABLANCA FOR WHITMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING SIERRA LEONEAN-CUBAN AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM LOCALLY BASED OFFICIAL OF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE THAT FOUR-MAN SIERRA LEONE DELEGATION DEPARTING FREETOWN THIS WEEKEND FOR HAVANA TO NEGOTIATE CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING USE OF FREETOWN'S LUNGI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY CUBANA AIRLINE. EXACT ITINERARY NOT YET FIRM BUT LIKELY INVOLVE DEPARTURE FRIDAY VIA DAKAR, NEW YORK, AND EITHER MEXICO OR KINGSTON. MEMBERS OF DELEGATION STATED TO BE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS FORMEH KAMARA, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION R. REMY WRIGHT, PERMSEC MINISTRY TRANSPORTATION DENNIS WOODE, AND ONE LEGAL ADVISER.

2. SOURCE STATED HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY REMY WRIGHT THAT CUBANS DESIRE BEGIN SERVICE TO FREETOWN APRIL 1. ROUTE STATED TO BE FROM HAVANA VIA GEORGETOWN AND CONAKRY, BUT SOURCE SAID HE HAD NO FIRM INFORMATION WHETHER CUBANS SEEKING OR INDENDING CONTINUE ROUTE SOUTHWARD BEYOND FREETOWN. SOURCE ASSUMES FREETOWN
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BEING SOUGHT AS ALTERNATE TO CONAKRY BY CUBANS

BECAUSE OF AVAILABILITY OF AVIATION FUEL FREETOWN
WHICH LOCALLY BELIEVED TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN
GUINEA.
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